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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richard L. Sandstrom et al.

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Title: ETALON TESTING SYSTEM AND
PROCESS

Examiner: Patrick J. Connolly

Group Art Unit: 2877

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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.